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SUBJECT: SPECIAL INTEREST: CONGRESSMAN LLOYD MEEDS

REF: OM JUNE 12 (SCS) KOREAN CUSTOMS

1. KOREAN CUSTOMS HAS CABLED FULL REPLY TO AMBASSADOR HAHM, KOREAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON.
 2. PRINCIPAL PROBLEM AROSE WHEN KOREAN CUSTOMS AUCTIONED 171,798 KILOS INSTEAD OF POUNDS. BIDDER WINNING AWARD ACTUALLY PAID APPROXIMATELY HWAN EQUIVALENT OF \$23,217. WHEN MISTAKE DISCOVERED, ADJUSTED REFUND MADE TO BIDDER. FOLLOWING DEDUCTIONS FOR ALL PROPER CUSTOMS EXPENSES (INCLUDING A 20 PCT RATE OF EXCHANGE DEVALUATION), KOREAN CUSTOMS WILL PAY PUGET SOUND SALVAGE CO. OF SEATTLE APPROXIMATELY \$7,250 AS SOON AS FX TRANSFER APPROVED.
 3. ALTHOUGH WON ACADEMIC, PUGET SOUND ACTUALLY MADE SHIPMENT PRIOR TO FINAL SALES AGREEMENT ACCORDING TO CONSIGNEE, KIMBALL COMMODITY CORPORATION.
 4. KOREAN CUSTOMS STATES THAT PAYMENT WAS NEVER REQUESTED UNTIL JUNE 3, 1975 WHEN LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SHIPPING AGENT MADE REQUEST.
 5. COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR SATISFIED THAT BID, EXPENSES, AND EXPECTED PAYMENT ALL PROPERLY ACCOUNTABLE.
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